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SUBJECT: LAWYER SEEKS COURT ORDER FOR RETURN OF EXPELLED  
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11. Beatrice Mtetwa, lawyer for expelled U.S. citizen journalist Andrew Meldrum, has filed an application in the High Court seeking the return of her client, expelled on May 16. The application, filed on May 21, seeks a ruling that would compel Home Affairs Minister Kembo Mohadi, Chief Immigration Office, Elasto Mugwadi, and Evan Siziba, a senior immigration officer, to "ensure Meldrum's return or face jail." Mtetwa also wants the trio to "pay for the costs incurred by her client as a direct result of their actions, from their pockets. . ."

12. Mtetwa is also seeking a High Court order to force the GoZ Comptroller and Auditor General to deduct the money directly from the salaries of Mohadi, Mugwadi and Siziba, and to provide the court with proof of those deductions.

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